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Dear Friend,

Approaching the fourth and final week of the congressional district work period, I'm continuing to listen to your concerns and opinions on health care reform. Having completed live town halls in Citrus Heights, Jackson, and Rancho Cordova, I'm rounding out the four weeks with a fourth town hall: a district-wide tele town hall held last night.



Residents of CA's Third District attend the Jackson town hall meeting to tell Rep. Lungren what they think about health care reform legislation.

The Jackson town hall, like the Citrus Heights event, was another

standing-room-only affair. In fact, the roughly 200 people who packed the Civic Center in Jackson were more than equaled by the number waiting outside in the parking lot. What I heard: we all agree that the health care system needs work. But the majority I've heard from don't want to put their trust in government to scrap the system and start over. Let's take surgical action on what's wrong and make it better. As I said in Jackson: "Nothing is written in stone yet. We need to keep hearing from you. Keep letting us know how you feel. I want input from all sides on this."

Listening to voices was not limited to constituents at town halls. Because the Third District is a classic mix of rural and urban populations, I have welcomed



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have welcomed voices from both segments. Though I hosted

the Sacramento Valley Medical Society—which covers doctors from cities large and small—in my district office, I got out and visited Sutter Amador Hospital in Jackson, the Ambulatory Surgery Center operated by Kaiser Permanente in Folsom and later toured the Path Logic facility run by Dr. Peter Kolbeck in Carmichael. I listened and took notes at roundtable discussions and I continue to get your correspondence daily in e-mail, U.S. mail and over the telephone.



regular e-mail updates from my office to your e-mail account.



It has been a pleasure to be a guest speaker at a number of Chamber of Commerce meetings this month, including Carmichael, Elk Grove, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Galt and Rancho Cordova. From

such gatherings I can take note of a broad range of business perspectives, making me better informed for when I return to vote in Congress next month. I was pleased to learn this week that I was recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was a recipient of "The Spirit of Enterprise Award," which is given to those who vote for at least 70 percent of what the chamber considers pro-business votes. According to their scorecard, I was 17 for 18, scoring 94 percent for votes in the second session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress. It's nice to be recognized, but it's the right thing to do in an economy that needs jobs. Small business is the engine that creates jobs.

I hope to see you and hear from you in the coming weeks, before I head back to Washington equipped with your views and experiences you've shared with me.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Lungren  
Member of Congress

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